

**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE  
CITY OF AIKEN DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 [COVID-19]**

WHEREAS, the virus commonly known as COVID-19 has begun infecting South Carolina citizens; and

WHEREAS, reports from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC] and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control [SCDHEC] indicate certain actions are necessary to prevent the wide spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has declared a state of emergency exists within the State of South Carolina and has ordered that all public pre-schools, primary schools, secondary schools, technical colleges and public colleges and universities be closed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aiken is cognizant of COVID-19 being a highly contagious disease even for those individuals who are asymptomatic; and

WHEREAS, the Aiken City Council is responsible for meeting the problems and dangers to the City of Aiken and its residents resulting from emergencies of any origin and may issue policies such as proclamations and regulations concerning emergency relief and related matters which, during an emergency situation, shall have the full force and effect of law; and

WHEREAS, a state of emergency may be declared by the Mayor and /or City Council if it finds an emergency has occurred, or that the threat thereof is imminent and extraordinary emergency measures are deemed necessary to cope with the existing or anticipated situation; and

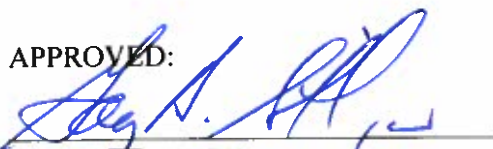
WHEREAS, the Mayor, in consultation with emergency officials, the Public Safety Department and City Manager, determined that a state of emergency exists in the City of Aiken and that extraordinary measures are warranted in order to allow a proper response to keep citizens of the City of Aiken safe; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Mayor of the City of Aiken, that a state of emergency exists in the City of Aiken and, in accordance with Section 2-40 of the Aiken City Code, hereby directs the City Manager and appropriate emergency response personnel to take all necessary and appropriate measures to provide for the safety of the General Public. By this proclamation the Mayor calls for a Special/Emergency Meeting of City Council to held at 12:00 PM, Monday, March 16, 2020.

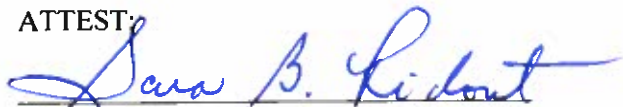
PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of the City of Aiken this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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MAYOR

APPROVED:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK